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So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Potts, Ordered, That the bill, entitled, An act to provide for the administration of justice in the cases of crimes and misdemeanors in Frederick county, be made the order of the day for tomorrow.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to appoint commissioners for the purpose of dividing Dorchester county into five separate election districts; the bill to authorise the raising a sum of money by lottery to aid in erecting a church in Charles county; the bill for the sale of the real estate of Thomas C. Bowie, late of Prince George's county, deceased; the bill to repeal the act, entitled, An act to lay out and make public a road in Cecil county; the bill for the relief of Teresa Thomas of Charles county; the bill for the benefit of the heirs of Daniel Wright, of Lemuel, late of Caroline county, deceased; the bill to lay out a town to be called Middle-Town, in Prince-George's county; and the supplement to the act, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road in Harford county, severally endorsed, "will pass." Ordered to be engrossed. The supplement to the act, entitled, An act relating to sheriffs and for other purposes, and the supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the benefit of the heirs of John Steven's deceased, of Worcester county, severally endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendments were read, assented to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed. The bill to prevent fraudulent sales of flour and whiskey, endorsed, "will pass with the proposed amendment;" which amendment was read. The bill authorising Alexander Ridgon, of Harford county, to erect gates on the road therein mentioned, and the bill to make valid a deed from Thomas Wedding and wife, of Charles county, to Elijah Moore formerly of Charles county, but now a resident of the state of Ohio, severally endorsed, "will not pass." A bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the Maryland hospital; also a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Achsah Risingson of Baltimore county, severally endorsed, passed by the senate, January 27, 1817; which were read. The resolutions in favour of Elizabeth Hauer, Philip Reed, Walter Dyer, and the resolution authorising the treasurer of the western shore to subscribe for stock in the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Baltimore, endorsed, "assented to." And the following resolutions:

BY THE SENATE, January 4, 1817.

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland. That the president of the United States ought to be designated by the free and independent expression of the public will; and that all associations by persons in office and authority to controul and overawe the public sentiment, by the weight and power of official influence, are contrary to the spirit of the constitution, and dangerous to the liberties of the people.

Resolved, That the article of the constitution of the United States which prohibits members of congress, and persons holding offices under the United States, from being electors of president, was intended as a barrier against the poisonous effects of executive interference in that most important election; as a safeguard to the people against intrigues and combinations for confining the office to the members of a powerful political cabal; proves the foresight of the distinguished men who framed the constitution; and ought to be observed and executed in its true spirit and meaning, as well as in the letter.

Resolved, That the nomination of a president by a meeting of members of congress, held in the city of Washington, within the immediate reach of executive influence, and in the midst of the chief officers of the government, who hold in their hands power that may awe, and gifts that may tempt, is a palpable departure from the spirit of the constitution; an unwarrantable interference by those whom the constitution forbids us to trust, and thereby teaches us to suspect; is calculated to give to the executive an improper and dangerous influence in the election; opens the door to corruption and bargains for the office, and may ultimately give to the president the power of naming his successor, and rob the people of all but the mere form of election; wherefore it is resolved by the general assembly of Maryland, That all nominations of president by such meetings of members of congress, under whatever pretence made, are unjustifiable and full of evil, and ought to be openly and steadily opposed, before time, and submission on the part of the people, shall have sanctioned and confirmed them.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.

Also the following message:

BY THE SENATE, January 27, 1817.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

The senate are not prepared to say that the session can, consistently with the interest of the public, be closed at the time proposed by your message of the 22d. The senate will co-operate with your house in closing the session as soon as may be practicable.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.

Which were severally read.

The house adjourns until this evening 7 o'clock.

POST MERIDIEM, 7 O'CLOCK.

The house met.

The bill to change and alter the mode of repairing the public roads in Worcester county, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Stoddert delivers a petition from Thomas H. Bowie, register in chancery, praying an extension of the time allowed by law for sending out his fees; which was read and referred to Messrs. Stoddert, Duval and Claude.

Mr. Harrison delivers a petition from Nicholas Slubey of Kent county, counter to the petition of Nicholas Slubey Jones, of the city of Baltimore, praying for a special act of insolvency; which was read and referred to the committee on the petition to which it is counter.

Mr. Turner delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the sale of the real estate of Alexander Magruder, of Prince-George's county, deceased; which was read.

Mr. Stoddert delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Thomas H. Bowie, register in chancery, which was read the first and second time by special order and passed.

Mr. Semmes delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Michael Lovejoy of Prince-George's county; which was read.